

**REQUEST
for
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).



Application Number	10/522,137
Filing Date	January 19, 2005
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Group Art Unit	1634
Examiner Name	Steven C. Pohnert
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Confirmation No.	2521

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. Previously submitted:
 - i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
 - ii. Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed:
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required).
 - b. Other _____
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. .
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Check in the amount of \$1,865.00 enclosed

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

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